

April 26<sup>th</sup> 1878

To Mr Charles Partington

Dear Sir

Francis brought me the rent all right and I am obliged to you.

I now let you the garden and small paddock (as about to be enclosed) for the yearly rental of thirty pounds a year.

If you choose I will give you a lease for seven or fourteen years so that you can feel it to be a home to do as you like.

I only want to let it to you so that you can live comfortably upon it.

I think when we have a new market built, it will not be such a disagreeable task to sell produce, for at present gardeners have not room enough and as population increases we may calculate upon better times I hope.

If you want a little excursion any day you can come down to see us and we can find a bed for the night as it is twenty three miles from your place.

The rail from Melbourne goes nearly every hour and we get into town in half an hour the return ticket being only 1s/6d so it is cheaper than riding.

I have just had an attack of lumbago but by a good silk handkerchief round the loin next to the skin and taking a few pills I manage to cure it.

It is cold in the loins that affects the kidneys and often disarranges the water.

I merely mention all this as I know you have been a sufferer at times from the same complaint.

I am yours truly

Frederick Nevin Flintoff

My respects to your wife

*Flintoff named after him*